

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

In fact it is as  
clear an example as  
I've seen of overt  
"yellow journalism"  
on our publically  
subsidized airwaves.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. But when  
large companies  
control the  
airwaves, we get  
more of what's good  
for the bottom line  
and less of what we  
need for our  
democracy. That  
Sinclair has  
consistently audited  
content to serve  
their own political  
biases-- in a  
newsmarket serving  
25% of the US  
population--is  
unconscionable. The  
FCC must take a  
stand against this  
horrible precedent.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. Please  
take a strong stand  
on Sinclair's  
attempt to  
manipulate the  
direction of the  
coming election in a  
move thinly veiled

as "news." Stop  
this broadcast and  
send a strong signal  
to all public  
broadcasters--just  
as you have with the  
public indecency  
issue.

Then, take the  
appropriate action  
necessary to repeal  
the trends of  
increasing ownership  
monopolization of  
our print,  
television and radio  
press! Please!  
Democracy depends on  
you. Thank you.